

EURRHYPARA PERLUCIDALIS HBN. IN S. W. ESSEX (VC18). — I took a single specimen of this pyralid moth in my garden at East Ham on 15 July 1983. — C.W. PLANT, Passmore Edwards Museum, Stratford, London.

Current Literature

Le Multiguide Nature des Papillons d'Europe by I. Novak & F. Severa. French Edition by G. C. Luquet. 352 pp. 77 col. plates. Bordas, Paris, 1983.

This guide was originally published in Prague (in the German language), and naturally tends to concentrate on the lepidoptera of eastern Europe. A French edition has recently appeared and though the range of species covered is still the same, and necessarily limited by the origins and size of the book, the text has been adapted and largely re-written by Gerard Luquet. A section on classification has been contributed by Joel Minet and the nomenclature throughout has been brought up to date. New information is included on the biology and distribution of some species and an interesting addition is the official collecting restrictions in Switzerland, Belgium and France which are listed where appropriate. Some of these restrictions seem inexplicable from the point of view of rarity — the Swiss Canton of Vaud for example seems to ban the collecting of quite common species such as *Inachis io*. L and *Gonepteryx rhamni* L. This revised French version also has a glossary and convenient indices of vernacular and scientific names. The general quality of the book seems much superior to the English edition particularly with regard to the clarity of illustration. The main criticism is in its incompleteness, but it can be thoroughly recommended as a general guide. — C. J. L.

Entomologica Gallica, Bulletin d'Entomologistes Amateurs. Tome 1, Fascicule 1.

This new French quarterly periodical appeared in October 1983. According to the editorial, the magazine confines itself to France (insular and continental) but all insect orders are included. There is however a heavy preponderance of articles on lepidoptera (especially micros) in the first fascicule of 44 pages. Out of the 12 papers, seven are on micros, three on macros, one on Coleoptera and one on Neuroptera. There are also several interesting notes and observations, in the same style as those in our own journal. These short notes are encouraged as a special feature of the new magazine. The first issue is profusely illustrated with black and white photographs, drawings and maps. Congratulations are due to our colleagues, Patrice Leraut, Roland Robineau and Christian Gibeaux for the creation of this interesting new journal. Price per fascicule 30 francs. Yearly subscription 120 francs, obtainable from Christian Gibeaux, Residence La Chatelaine 77210 Avon. — C. J. L.